

# *BLACK BALTIMORE*

Martin Luther King, Jr:

“The science of social change.”

“intellectual growth, spiritual fulfillment”

Searching the embers of the Civil Rights  
Movement

Small groups



# *A NEW THEORY OF COMMUNITY*

Vernacular culture

Base communities

Building blocks for civic renewal

Building blocks for social change



# *CONNECTED KNOWING*

*Knowing:* Cultural DNA

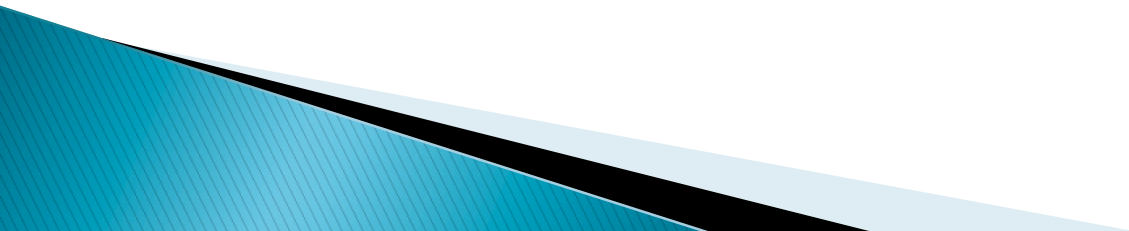
(From “vernacular culture”)

SOLVING PROBLEMS

*Connected:* Civic infrastructure

(From “base communities”)

THE 3-LEGGED STOOL



# *THE INVISIBLE COLLEGE*

Civil Rights Movement conditions

Reclaim our youth

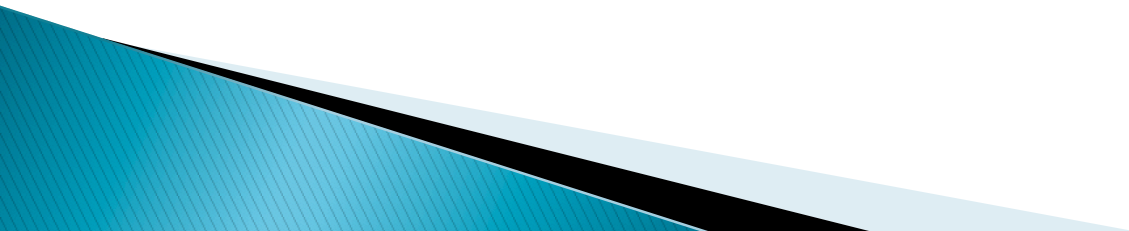
Engage the community

Mentoring program

Training trainers

Learning how to learn from experience

Link Visible to Invisible places of learning





# *A CURRICULUM FOR THE INVISIBLE COLLEGE*

## **Planning**

*Theoretical perspective*

*Reasoning skills*

*Ethics*

## **DOING**

*Oral and written communication*

*Management of effort*

*Collaborative work*

## **Reflecting**

*Assessing the results*

*Planning for future action*



# *THE SCIENCE OF SOCIAL CHANGE*

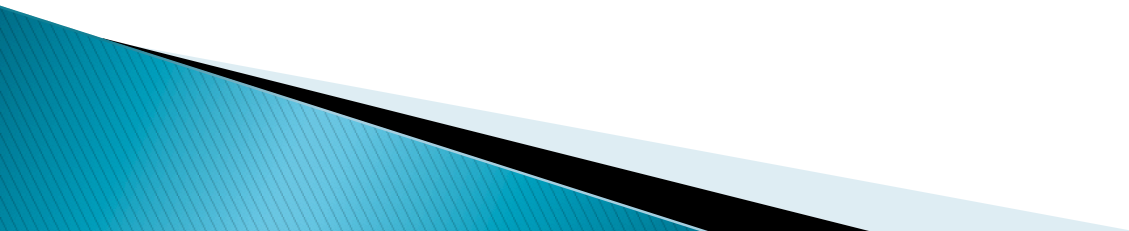
What's the problem?

Where did it come from?

What's been tried already?

What can we try that's new?

How will we put it into practice?



# *A Teacher in the Invisible College*

BoysIIMen/GirlsIWomen

Following mentee alums

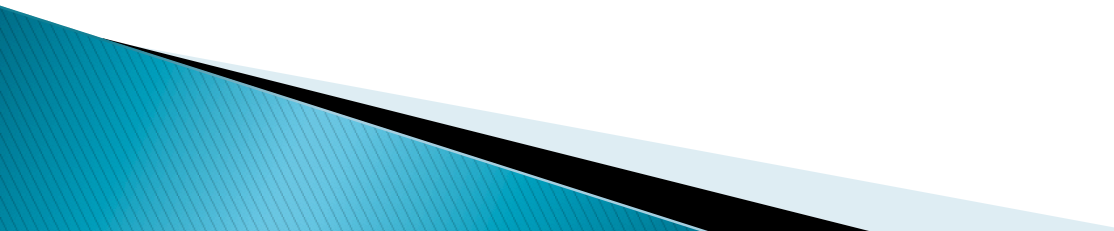
Following mentor alums

Knitting together

Creating engaged citizens

Creating Civic Infrastructure

Promoting “Connected Knowing”



# *A STUDENT IN THE INVISIBLE COLLEGE*

Johnny Appleseed

Track Team

Country mouse

Black Harvard

“Crimson” Student newspaper

Europe on \$5 a day

Black Yale

*Black Woman* photo-essay

*African Journal* article



# *SEARCHING THE EMBERS*

*Crimson* articles

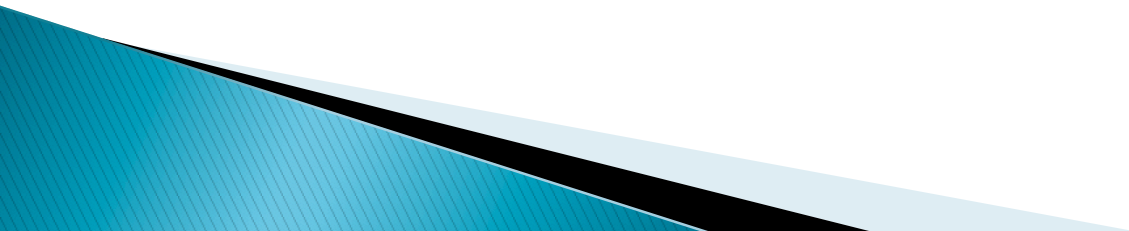
*The Case for Black Juries*

What happened to the Movement?

*The New Community*

600 pages of theory

“Try a community approach”



# *LANDING IN BALTIMORE*

3 degrees of separation, not 6

The Enoch Pratt Library

Meeting great storytellers

Who's in charge here?

Johnny Appleseed

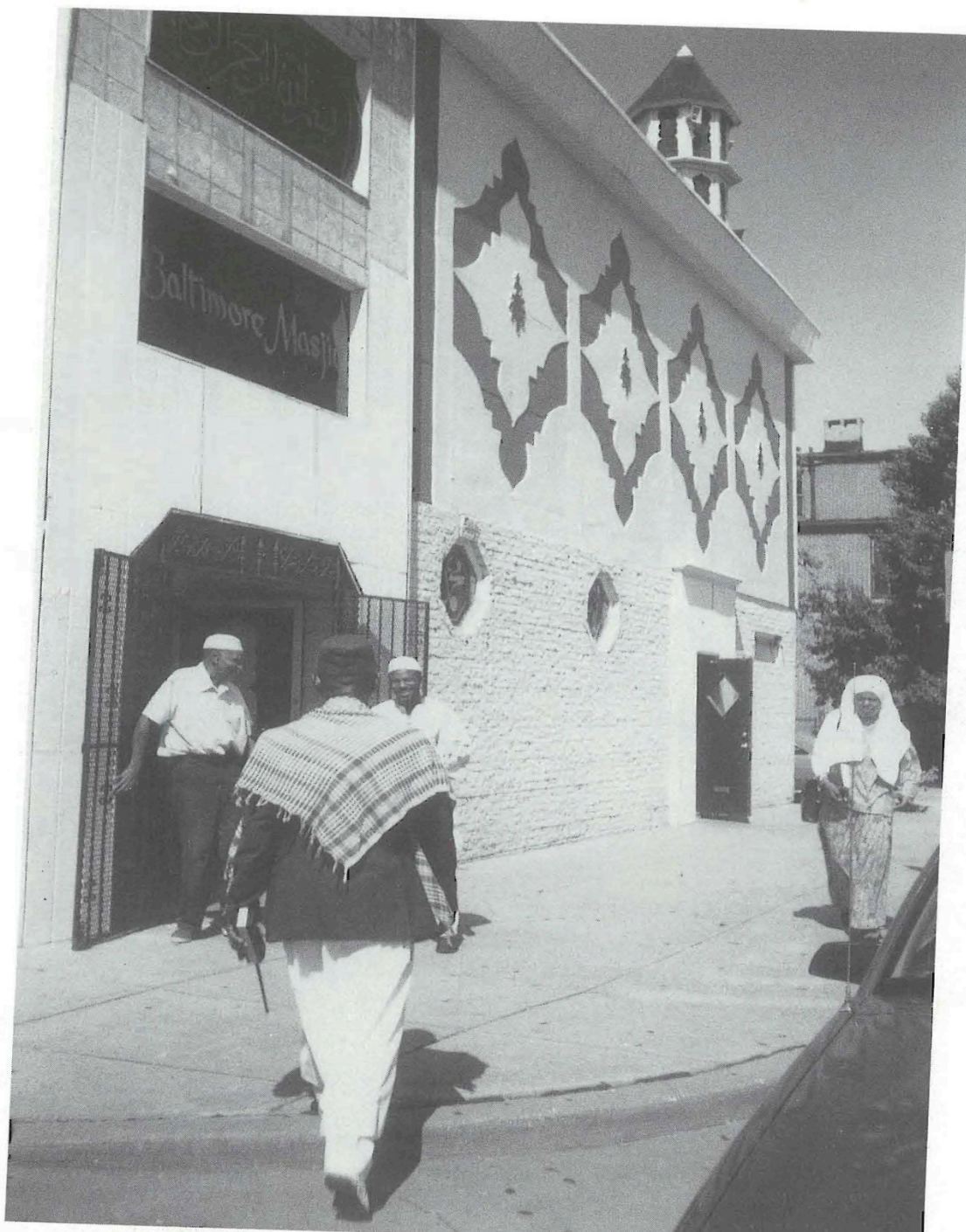












# *SUMMING UP*

Johnny Appleseed with some seasoning

Invisible College teaching and learning

Fleeing consumer society

Staying close to the ground

Blogging

Being a Dad



# *CONCLUSION*

Words of wisdom from Paul Coates

Baltimorean

Black Panther at 23

Publisher of the Black Classics Press

“Start right away”

